W!se Certification
Non-Cluster Specific

(Across-The-Board = Non-Program Specific)

Name and Description of Project:
Most students drop out of college not because of academic failure but because of personal debt and the fastest growing group filing personal bankruptcy is young people ages 18 to 25. w!se's Financial Literacy Certification Program (FLCP) addresses the urgent need for financial literacy and education. The program provides high school students with access to financial education and the opportunity to become certified financially literate. Participating schools teach personal finance and administer w!se's standardized Financial Literacy Certification (CFL) Test. Teachers have access to training, educational resources, pre-tests, and online practice tests. Students who pass the CFL Test are Certified Financially Literate, earning their CFL. Developed in 2003, the program has expanded nationally and has been widely recognized for its success, including the US Treasury Department's John Sherman Award for Excellence in Financial Education.

Major Activities:
Teachers must attend the 30 hour specific in-service culminating in the certification exam. Once certified, teachers will incorporate the certification process in their Personal and Family Finance course and provide the certification opportunity to their students

Performance Indicator:
CTE Skill Attainment through certification

Measurement:
The success of this project will be measured by the number of students and teachers who obtain w!se Financial Literacy certification.

Professional Development:
Teachers will attend professional development provided by ACE to implement this project. Certification is contingent on passing the exam, attendance does not guarantee certification. This is the only time the exam will be scheduled during the summer; you must attend the entire training and remain for the exam during the in-service session.

Instructional Materials/Supplies:
None required

Equipment:
None required but possible with justification and prior approval by FACS Program Manager.